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Identification of HIS Officers Contacting "Peter" and Ferenc
KrossREF: ODBA-9210
ODBA-9252

ACTION REQUIRED: FYI

1. Submitted in paragraphs below is a biographic sketch based on a preliminary name trace of Jozsef LUKACS (DOB 10/2/24, Eispest, Hungary) one of the two HIS officers reportedly contacting "Peter" and Kross in late November 1957. There is no positive identifying data on the second and apparently senior HIS officer from HQS, Karoly KOSTAS (DOB 1923, Budapest). We suggest that if [] currently has on hand or can acquire a photograph of the two men, Munich sources should be checked for photo identification.

2. Bulletin B information dated 6/3/56 mentioned Jozsef LUKACS, biographic data as above, as an attache of the Hungarian Legation in Paris and a member of the Hungarian special services. He was noted as having a propaganda function and travelling particularly to Eastern France. (NOTE: This is the same information [] B [] received from the French and which [] forwarded per ODB-2275. Thus, [] B [] does have on record a positive identification of subject.) On 10/2/54 subject, carrying diplomatic pp 1303/59, and his wife, Katalin, nee MOLNAR (DOB 20/3/26, Budapest) DP pp. 1304/53 were noted arriving in Paris. Again in Oct. 54, subject and wife arrived in Paris coming from Austria. In Jan. 55, it was reported that [] stated that subject positively was engaged in intelligence activities. As [] correctly surmised, Subject is identical with the individual who approached the HHEK chief László PEZSELY in Paris with a repatriation pitch in Oct. 55. Per OFPA-21735, subject's daughter, Edit, born 1945, applied for a French visa (25/5/56) in order to vacation with her parents in France for three months.

3. In February 1957, a Hungarian refugee reporting to an Italian channel stated that Jozsef LUKACS, (Coordinating office) attache at the Hungarian Legation, Paris, with (Authenticating office)

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consular duties, was almost certainly part of, or at least in contact with, the AVH in 1955.

4. Whether the following trace has any relation to subject cannot be determined. However, per BAVA-3048 (6/54) [] stated that an AVH agent, pseudonym LUCACS was the Paris correspondent for MTL, the Hungarian Official News Agency. This individual was described as being under 40, speaking fluent French, French wife, latter and daughter (age 12) were still in Hungary. Early in 1953, LUCACS requested permission for his wife and daughter to come to Paris but the AVH in Budapest refused.

5. It should be noted that according to a sensitive Dutch source, in early Dec. 57, two Hungarians arrived at the Hungarian Legation in The Hague reportedly directly from Budapest and again departed directly for Budapest. They remained about five days in The Hague and stayed at the Legation. One of the individuals in question was identified as Jossaf LUKACS (DOB 10/2/24, Kisbess). A physical description of one of the individuals, probably LUKACS, was as follows: about 24 years of age, 170 m tall, heavy brown hair, good posture, wearing glasses. Source reported that the visitors definitely did not belong to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and that there was something unusual about them, i.e., they did not turn in their passports for examination such as is normal when official representatives visit the Legation. The reporting from The Hague also seems to reflect that LUKACS was engaged in intelligence activities during his stay. (CWEA-11920, 17/1/58)

References reviewed:

OFFA-5512, 9995, 11161, 5674, 6126, 6396, 11303, 12114, 17228, 21735;
OFFW-3364, 10789; OIR-9930; BAVA-3048, 8990; EAV-1899, 2033, 2162, 2212, 1587; BCPA-8111

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